

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas Marshall Lane
of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Thomas M. Lane, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lane was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, The son of the late Howard and Annie Marie Bass Lane, Thomas M. Lane adored his family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lane enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 64 years, Kathryn Burt Lane, and was the proud father of Thomas M. Lane, Jr. and Steven Burt Lane; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Lane was a kind and loving grandfather to his six granddaughters, two great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Marshall Lane proudly and courageously served in the U. S. Navy, bravely advancing the cause of democracy around the globe in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Lane served with acumen and alacrity as a businessman, realtor and farmer in the Murfreesboro community, earning the respect of his fellow citizens for the exemplary quality of his work and his ability to relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, With his partner, Mr. Hammaker, Thomas Lane owned and operated Starlite Drive-In Theater and 4-Lane Drive-In Theater; he was also at one time a partner in Weatherford Ford; and

WHEREAS, A realtor and insurance agent for approximately 50 years, Mr. Lane founded Lane Realty and Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, As a member of Rutherford County Homebuilders, Thomas Lane labored tirelessly as a residential and commercial developer, and was responsible for the development of the Bellwood subdivision in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, A farmer who grew cotton, soybeans, hay and corn and a noted breeder of Hereford Cattle, Mr. Lane owned and operated Four L Hereford Farm for 45 years, raising several local, national and world champion bulls; and

WHEREAS, Despite his dedication to his multifaceted career, Mr. Lane found precious time to lend his remarkable talents to numerous professional and community groups, serving as the President of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Hereford Association, on the Board of Directors of Guaranty Federal Savings and Loan, as a Master Mason, as a charter member of the Rutherford County Sportsman's Club and as a founding member of the Murfreesboro Board of Realtors; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Marshall Lane was an integral member of the legendary Hooper Supply Company's Coffee Club, a extraordinary group of men who have shared early mornings, steaming coffee and congenial fellowship for 30 enduring years; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying the exceptional characteristics of this amiable group of men, Mr. Lane was known for his patient persistence in building relationships and his commitment to listening to others with a genuinely honest and open spirit; and

WHEREAS, Long-time friend and fellow coffee drinker, Bubba Williams, describes Thomas Lane as “always in the game of life.... always in the game of business...always watching and listening for a good deal,”; and

WHEREAS, Speaking of the memorable Mr. Lane, Representative John Hood philosophizes, “To have a good friend, you have to be a friend...Tom Lane had a lot of good friends. He was a good friend,”; and

WHEREAS, Again showcasing his characteristic fidelity, Thomas M. Lane was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas M. Lane leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Thomas Marshall Lane of Murfreesboro, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his Renaissance identity as a farmer, realtor and businessman and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.